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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1945

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BOROUGH OF STALYBRIDGE

COMMITTEES
(December, 1945)

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman - Alderman J. Porter.
Deputy Chairman - Councillor J. S. Barker.
The Mayor (*ex-officio*) Alderman H. Riley, J.P.

Alderman	Barker,	Councillor	Gillott,
,,	Harris,	,,	Grundy,
,,	Slack,	,,	Harrop,
,,	Wilson,	,,	Illingworth,
Councillor	Allen,	,,	Moore,
,,	Carr,	,,	R. Sidebottom.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Councillor A. Sidebottom, J.P.
Deputy Chairman - Alderman H. Slack.
The Mayor (*ex-officio*) Alderman H. Riley, J.P.

Councillor	Elliott,	*Mrs. Harris,
,,	Gillott,	*Mrs. McCarthy.
,,	Grundy,	*Mrs. Sykes,
,,	Illingworth,	*Mrs. Tonge,
,,	Jones,	*Mrs. Walker.
,,	Roberts,	
,,	Slack,	
,,	Tilsley,	

* Co-opted Member.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEES

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the public health of Stalybridge for the year 1945. Dr. Hocken acted as Medical Officer of Health from June until the end of the year and I propose to formulate the present report largely on statistical lines. I would express my appreciation for your approach towards the many problems presenting themselves during the year.

I would also thank the staffs of my departments for their assistance and also the officials of other departments who have been unfailing in their help.

I have the honour to be, ladies and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES GORMAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Stalybridge.

September, 1946.

STAFF CHANGES

In June, Dr. Gorman joined H.M. Forces and Dr. Hocken of Bootle was seconded to act in his absence.

VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	3,190
Population Census, 1931	24,831
Population, 1945 (Mid-year estimate) ..	20,630
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1945	£130,963
Estimated amount of a Penny Rate ..	£509

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The following figures may be compared with those for the country as a whole by reference to Table I.

The live-birth rate of 17.64 shows a slight increase as compared with the rate for 1944 of 17.37, while the crude death rate of 15.60 also shows an increase against last year's figure of 14.65.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

There were 17 deaths of infants under one year of age, giving an infantile mortality rate of 46.70 as against 47.48 in 1944.

TABLE I

Birth-rate, Death-rate, and Analysis of Mortality during the Year 1945 (Provisional figures).
(The mortality rates for England and Wales refer to the whole population but for London and the towns to civilians only.)

—	Rate per 1000 Total Population.		Annual Death-rate per 1000 Population.								Rate per 1000 Live Births.	
	Live Births.	Still-births.	All causes	Enteric Fever	Smallpox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Diarrhoea Enteritis (under two years).	Total Deaths under one year.
England and Wales	16.1	0.46	11.4	0.00	—	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.08	5.6	46
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	19.1	0.58	13.5	0.00	—	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.07	7.8	54
148 Smaller Towns (1931 Adjusted Populations 25,000—50,000)	19.2	0.53	12.3	0.00	—	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.07	4.5	43
London	15.7	0.40	13.8	0.00	—	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.07	7.6	53
Stalybridge	17.64	0.58	15.6	0.00	—	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.04	0.29	0.00	46

	Puerperal Sepsis.	Others.	Total.
Maternal mortality rate for England and Wales per 1000 Total Births ..	0.24	1.22	1.46

TABLE II

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN FOR THE YEAR 1945

CAUSES OF DEATH

No.	GROUP CAUSE OF DEATH.	M.	F.	Total
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	—	2	2
5.	Diphtheria	1	—	1
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	3	3	6
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1	2
8.	Syphilitic disease	2	2	4
9.	Influenza	4	2	6
10.	Measles	—	—	—
11.	Acute poliomyelitis and polioencephalitis ..	1	—	1
12.	Acute infectious encephalitis	—	—	—
13m	Cancer buccal cavity & oesophagus(Males only)	2	—	2
13 f	Cancer of uterus	—	4	4
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	2	5	7
15.	Cancer of breast	—	5	5
16.	Cancer of other sites	18	13	31
17.	Diabetes	—	—	—
18.	Intra-cranial vascular lesions	17	19	36
19.	Heart disease	40	45	85
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	4	5	9
21.	Bronchitis	16	25	41
22.	Pneumonia	6	6	12
23.	Other respiratory diseases	2	1	3
24.	Ulceration of stomach or duodenum	1	—	1
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	—	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	—	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	3	4	7
28.	Nephritis	2	7	9
29.	Puerperal and post abortive sepsis	—	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	—	—	—
31.	Premature birth	2	3	5
32.	Congenital malformations, etc.	2	4	6
33.	Suicide	3	1	4
34.	Road Traffic accidents	—	1	1
35.	Other violent causes	4	6	10
36.	All other causes	6	16	22
	ALL CAUSES.	142	180	322

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

BACTERIOLOGY

SWABS

42 swabs were examined for B. Diphtheriæ and of these, 3 faucial were found positive.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS

Supervision continues to be exercised.

The milk samples taken during the year, with the results, were as follows :—

	Samples taken.	Number Satisfactory.
Methylene Blue Test	29	25
B. Tuberculosis ..	30	29
B. Coli	30	14

Appropriate action was taken where unsatisfactory results were returned.

PASTEURIZED MILK

12 Phosphatase tests all provided satisfactory results.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

The following list of samples, details of which were supplied by the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures of the Cheshire County Council, were obtained in the Borough of Stalybridge during the year ended 31st December, 1945 :—

Name of Sample.	Number obtained.	Adulterated or not up to the recognised standard of quality.
Baking Powder.. ..	3	..
Beer	2	..
Boracic Ointment ..	4	..
Brawn	1	..
Castor Oil	4	..
Coffee	1	..
Epsom Salts	1	..

Name of Sample.	Number obtained.	Adulterated or not up to the recognised standard of quality.
Meat Paste	1	..
Milks	40	1
Mustard	4	..
Sausage	3	..
Self-Raising Flour ..	4	..
Tannic Acid Jelly ..	1	..
Vinegar	3	..
	72	1

The unsatisfactory milk sample was found to contain 11.7% of extraneous water. The seller was prosecuted and fined.

WATER SUPPLIES

During the year, 3 chemical and 5 bacteriological water samples were taken and the results returned were considered satisfactory.

Information supplied by the Waterworks Engineer shows that 41 samples were taken, 36 at the filters and 5 tap samples. All were found satisfactory bacteriologically.

With regard to plumbo-solvency, 38 tap samples were taken during the year all with negative results. Calcium Carbonate is added before filtration.

In addition to the main water supply of the Borough there is, in the Millbrook district, a small supply serving 185 houses derived from a small reservoir fed by a series of springs on the adjacent hillside. This water is chlorinated and during the year three bacteriological samples and two chemical samples were taken the results being satisfactory in each case.

The population supplied is approximately 24,670. In all cases water is supplied direct to the houses ; there are no stand pipes.

57 farms and cottages on the higher ground of the outlying parts of the Borough are supplied by spring water.

During the year no action was taken under the Public Health Act in respect of any form of contamination.

INSULIN

(Section 177, Public Health Act, 1936)

Two persons received a free supply during the year, the cost being £6 13s. 4d.

CIVIL AMBULANCE SERVICE

In November the responsibility for this service was taken over by the Hyde and District Joint Ambulance Committee.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

HOME HELPS

The scheme prepared and approved under Section 204 of the Public Health Act, 1936, continued, as described in the previous report, in a state of suspended animation.

ADOPTION

The Adoption of Children (Regulations) Act, 1939, came into force on 1st June, 1943, and the number of children on the Register at the end of the year was 8.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

The position remains substantially unaltered.

PREMATURE CHILDREN

Experience has not suggested any alteration in our present arrangements.

MIDWIVES ACT, 1936

The number of cases attended by midwives during the year :—

(1) As Midwives	94
(2) As Maternity Nurses	65

The number of cases during the year in which medical aid was summoned under Section 14 (1) of the Midwives Act, 1918, was 68.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS
(PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936)

369 notifications of births were received during the year relating to 358 livebirths and 11 stillbirths. These figures compare with 364 livebirths and 13 stillbirths notified during the previous year.

216 cases were confined in institutions—in other words more than half the children born in Stalybridge during the year were born in hospital.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC

During the year 63 cases were seen and 252 attendances in all were made.

INFANT CONSULTATION CENTRE

Number of Sessions held	102
Total number of Attendances of Infants ..	5,550
Average Attendance per Session	54
Total number of children who attended the Centre for the first time during the year:—	
(a) Under 1 year of age	242
(b) Between 1 and 5 years	20
Total number of children who were attending the Centre at the close of the year :—	
(a) Under 1 year of age	192
(b) Between 1 and 5 years	341
Percentage of Infants receiving food sold at Clinics	78

ATTENDANCES AT CENTRE

	0—1 year	1—2 years	2—3 years	3—4 years	4—5 years
1st Visits	242	6	8	2	4
Subsequent Visits ..	4,178	687	233	121	69

SALE OF FOODS

The principal sales made at the Clinics were :—

7,193 packets of dried milk.
94½ lbs. of Virol.
6½ pints of Cod Liver Oil.
716 packets of other foods.

The total receipts were £876 10s. 11d.

Under the Ministry of Food Scheme, 920 bottles of orange juice, 182 bottles of Cod Liver Oil and 113 packets of National Dried Milk were issued at the Clinic during the year.

The sales during the year approximated to those of last year, the increase in the sale of dried milk being more than compensated for by the decrease in the use of National Dried Milk, a decrease which also occurred in the consumption of vitamin products.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the assistance given at the Clinics throughout the year by the undermentioned ladies :—

Mrs. Tonge	Mrs. Hebdige
Mrs. McCarthy	Mrs. Slack
Mrs. Harris	Mrs. Woolley
Mrs. I. Walker	Mrs. Broadbent.

HEALTH VISITORS' WORK

The following is a tabular summary of the visits made by the Health Visits during the year :—

Number of primary visits to children 0—1 year (following notification of birth)		324
Number of primary visits to transfers of all ages ..		56
Number of other visits to children ..	0—1 years	1,739
,, of other visits to children ..	1—2 years	1,145
,, of other visits to children ..	2—3 years	1,093
,, of other visits to children ..	3—4 years	843
,, of other visits to children ..	4—5 years	920
,, of visits re infant deaths		14
,, of visits re stillbirths		6
,, of visits re ante-natal cases		8
,, of visits re post-natal cases		—
,, of visits re infectious disease		47
Special visits		19
		6,214

The total number of visits made during the year increased by 1208 in 1945.

ORTHOPÆDIC CLINIC

Number of sessions at which Orthopædic Surgeon was present	13
Number of children examined by Orthopædic Surgeon	216
Number of sessions held	160
Number of attendances made	529

Number of cases on the Register

Cases from previous years	90
New cases in 1945	64

Removed from the Register in 1945

Discharged	19
Left district	8
Non-attenders	4

Types of new cases dealt with :—

	Male	Female
Postural deformities	—	—
Genu valgum	15	15
Genu varus	8	3
Pronated feet	7	4
Toe deformities	1	1
Other conditions	5	5
	36	28

The work done during the year increased slightly as compared with the previous year.

Mr. W. Sayle Creer the Orthopædic Surgeon reports as follows :—

" There are two ways of looking at the deformities seen in the children during 1945. In moments of fatigue some would say, " Is there no end to these fallen arches and knock knees ? " Others

would remark, " It is obvious that the children still need our care and attention." It is in the latter spirit that we have continued to see them each month, and have " bullied " the parents into looking after their children's shoes, have ordered sunlight treatment when necessary or have asked Miss Hodson to give massage and exercises. The length of time required to allow a body to correct deformities is big. The parents become discouraged. But a close check of the children reveals a sure improvement month by month."

OPHTHALMIC CLINIC

19 pre-school children attended and spectacles were issued to 6 cases. In all, 40 attendances were made.

As previously, the majority of cases referred, 10 suffered from strabismus.

No. of cases on Register at beginning of 1945	15
No. of new cases during year	8
	23
No. of cases removed from Register during year	4
No. of cases remaining at end of 1945 ..	19

DENTAL REPORT

The Dental Surgeon, Miss F. I. Wilson, reports :—

ANTE-NATAL

Work of the Year

The growth of the service is disappointingly slow. In spite of the facilities offered, very few patients avail themselves of the opportunity of treatment. It is to be hoped that in the future there is greater co-operation between the ante-natal clinics, including hospital clinics, and the dental service.

Only five new patients were referred from the ante-natal clinic for dental treatment.

General Anæsthetic Service

7 general anæsthetics—nitrous oxide and oxygen—were administered.

Provision of Dentures

1 patient had full upper and lower dentures inserted.

X-Rays

2 patients were referred to the District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne, for dental radiographs.

Details of Treatment

No. of patients inspected	5
No. of patients requiring treatment ..	5
No. of patients treated	5
No. of attendances for treatment	46
No. of teeth extracted	57
No. of fillings	15
No. of other operations	27
No. of general anæsthetics administered ..	7

PRE-SCHOOL

18 children under 5 years of age were inspected and 16 were found to require treatment.

Details of Treatment

No. of children inspected	18
No. of children requiring treatment ..	16
No. of children treated	16
No. of attendances for treatment ..	36
No. of temporary teeth extracted	14
No. of other operations	38
No. of general anæsthetics administered ..	6

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

A note of the incidence of the main infectious diseases during the current and previous years is given below :—

	1945		1944	
	Notified	Confirmed	Notified	Confirmed
Diphtheria	12	5	22	17
Scarlet Fever	12	12	40	38
Tuberculosis (all forms)	24	24	28	28
Measles	171	171	104	104
Whooping Cough ..	60	60	80	80
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ..	1	1	3	1
Miscellaneous	17	16	27	27
	297	289	304	295

	1943	1942
Diphtheria	59	39
Scarlet Fever	53	20
Tuberculosis (all forms) ..	23	15
Measles	298	214
Whooping Cough	150	6
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ..	3	2
Miscellaneous	34	36
	620	392

The year saw a decided drop in the number of cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever.

Reference to the Diphtheria Immunisation statistics presented later are convincing in their testimony that any drop in the Diphtheria incidence rate cannot be attributed to any artificial state of immunity existing in the child population.

DISINFECTION

During the year 162 beds, 178 pillows and bolsters, 376 blankets and 114 other articles have been dealt with at the Disinfecting Station.

SPECIFIC INFECTIONS

DIPHTHERIA

12 notifications were received during the year and of these 5 were confirmed. One death occurred in a boy aged 12 years. This case had not been immunised.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

During the year 42 school, and 156 pre-school, children were completely immunised as compared with 28 school, and 192 pre-school, children in 1944. It is disappointing to note the decline in these figures in view of the widespread publicity given by the Government to immunisation.

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1945 :—

Age at 31.12.45 i.e., Born in year	under 1 1945	1 1944	2 1943	3 1942	4 1941	5—9 1936-1940	10—14 1931-1935	Total under 15
Number Immunised ..	1	104	134	167	145	891	855	2297

SCARLET FEVER

12 cases were notified and of these 5 were removed to hospital.

PNEUMONIA

9 notifications were received while 12 deaths were certified as being due to this cause. The notification of this disease under ordinary circumstances seems to serve no useful purpose.

TUBERCULOSIS

Some 24 cases were notified during the year as compared with 28 in the previous year. The cases numbered 18 pulmonary and 6 non-pulmonary.

The deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis during the year totalled 6 as against 8 in the previous year while Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis accounted for 2 as against 4 in 1944.

TUBERCULOSIS—SPUTUM EXAMINATIONS

69 specimens were examined ; 11 were positive and 58 negative.

CANCER

49 deaths during the year were attributed to cancer as against 45 in 1944.

HOUSING

During the year, the number of slum clearance families re-housed was 2, and the number of houses represented was 4.

While no great progress was possible in slum clearance and over-crowding abatement during the year indications exist that a more satisfactory state of affairs might be visualised in the not too distant future. Apart from what might be termed the normal re-housing of the population the problem of slum clearance is becoming increasingly clamant in its demand for attention. Satisfactory repairs to existing property became increasingly difficult to secure with the inevitable result that a steady deterioration in the worst types manifested itself. Overcrowding does tend to improve annually (although this should not, of course, be taken as an excuse for in-action in this regard). The history of slum property is, however, one of steady aggravation and the people living under slum conditions such as exist in many homes to-day are entitled to evidence that their plight is, in fact, being regarded with the utmost seriousness. Here the Housing Committee were, in 1943, supplied with a comprehensive report on the slum clearance position and will certainly do their utmost at the earliest opportunity to improve matters.

Housing in Stalybridge is a matter of major moment and from a slum clearance point of view provides extensive (although one would not say unlimited) scope for action, I personally feel that certain areas might be, at any rate considered initially on re-development lines but many houses in the town are unfortunately well beyond this remedy.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1945

GENERAL INSPECTION

The total number of inspections, interviews and re-visits made is 1685, and the defects for which informal and formal notices were served number 1154.

The following table shows a summary of the principal nuisances and defects (excluding defects under Housing Acts) which have been dealt with :—

Defective and blocked drains	44
Defective and blocked W.C.'s	48
General defects on property	386
Defective Ashbins	530

The total number of dwellinghouses inspected during the year was 499.

96 enquiries were made into cases of infectious disease.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS INSPECTION

The system of Joint Meat Inspection carried out at the Dukinfield Slaughterhouse of the Ministry of Food continues to be worked in a satisfactory manner on the rota principle.

The number of visits paid to the Slaughterhouses by your Meat Inspectors was 105 and the amount of meat and offal condemned as unfit for human consumption was as follows :—

Animals Inspected

Bulls	17
Cows	736
Heifers and Bullocks	231
Calves	668
Pigs	228
Sheep	3,280

The approximate weight of meat and offals destroyed amounts to :—

Tubercular	28,305 lbs.
Non-Tubercular	5,072 lbs.

The details of meat and offals destroyed are as follows :—

Tuberculosis

Carcase and all organs of	18 cows
,, ,, ,, ...	4 pigs
,, ,, ,, ...	1 bullock
Part carcase of	31 cows
,, ,, ...	1 pig

Diseases other than Tuberculosis

Carcase and all organs of	2 cows
,, ,, ,, ...	4 sheep
,, ,, ,, ...	6 calves
Part carcase of	1 cow
,, ,, ...	1 sheep

Tubercular Offals (Cattle)

Heads and Tongues	157
Lungs	359
Diaphragms	48
Hearts	27
Livers	132
Stomachs	20
Mesenteries and Intestines	60
Spleens	35
Kidneys	2

Tubercular Offals (Calves)

Plucks	2

Tubercular Offals (Pigs)

Lungs	1
Hearts	1
Heads and Tongues	16
Livers	4
Plucks	13

Non-Tubercular Offals (Cattle)

Cirrhosis	88 livers
Cavernous Angiomata	93 livers
Pneumonia	3 sets of lungs
Mastitis	58 udders
Abscesses	2 stomachs
Abscesses	1 spleen
Abscesses	32 livers
Abscesses	2 kidneys
Abscesses	1 set of lungs
Abscesses	1 belly
Abscesses	1 mesenteries and intestines
Echinococcus Cysts	8 lungs
Echinococcus Cysts	1 liver
Fatty Degeneration	5 livers
Pericarditis	1 heart
Nephritis	4 kidneys

Non-Tubercular Offals (Sheep)

Flukes	99 livers
Abscesses	1 head
Abscesses	1 set of lungs
Abscesses	1 heart

Non-Tubercular Offals (Pigs)

Pneumonia	4 sets of lungs
Necrosis	1 liver

Non-Tubercular Offals (Calves)

Bruising	1 kidney
Pneumonia	1 set of lungs

All premises where food is stored or prepared are regularly inspected, the number of visits paid being 108.

The following articles of food were examined during the year and condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

386 tins Meat.	36½ lbs. Cheese.
75 tins Milk.	632 lbs. Fish.

282 tins Vegetables.
160 tins Soup.
263 tins Fish
5 tins Fruit.
12 tins Jam.
2 tins Marmalade.
1 tin Syrup.
4 lbs. Butter.
1 cwt. Egg Powder.
1 cwt. Flour.
2,880 pkts. Soup.
720 pkts. Gravy Salt.
425 pkts. Egg Substitute.
6 jars Lemon Cheese.
22 lbs. Boiled Sweets.
56 lbs. Rolled Oats.
60 lbs. Sultanas.
28 lbs. Figs.
82 lbs. Dates.
14 lbs. Sausages.
8½ lbs. Bacon.
¾ lbs. Meat.
1 cwt. Ground Rice.
126 pkts. " Friquick."
146 pkts. Cocoa.
1,284 pkts. Pancake Mixture.
13 jars Dog Food.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There is one registered common lodging house and two houses-let-in-lodgings. Occasional visits are paid to these premises and certain defects have been found and remedied during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There was no important extension of the sewerage system.

19 drains and 47 W.C.'s have been opened by the Department employees.

DISINFESTATION

Sulphur and insecticide are used for disinfestation and the number of premises treated by this method during the twelve months was 11.

Hydrogen cyanide is used in the case of furniture removals, two van loads being dealt with during 1945.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

One set of premises is used for the trade of tripe boiling, two for marine stores, and one for rag and bone dealer. These premises are periodically visited and are kept in a satisfactory condition.

SMOKE OBSERVATIONS

4 smoke observations were taken during the year. The time limit for dense smoke—10 minutes in the hour—was exceeded on one occasion and a warning notice was sent to the firm concerned.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

In the Borough there are :—

Factories (with mechanical power) ..	70
Factories (without mechanical power) ..	27
Bakehouses	41

62 visits to bakehouses and other factories have been made and attention has been given to defects found on the premises.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919

This Department continued the work of rodent control throughout 1945 and during this period 40 reports of infestation were received and 38 were found to require treatment—the Rodent Operative paid a total of 1,149 visits and re-visits to the premises concerned.

7 new contracts were signed and 11 out of 16 signed last year were renewed.

Sausage Rusk and bread mash were used as baits and the poisons used were Zinc Phosphide and Barium Carbonate.

SALVAGE

During the period 16th—30th June the Stalybridge " Victory " Book and Paper Drive was held. The school children of the Borough again co-operated wholeheartedly and were responsible for the collection of 49,597 books out of a total of 57,392.

The books were sorted and allocated as follows :—

7,200	H.M. Forces.
24	District Infirmary.
156	Library.
50,012	Salvage.
57,392	

The tonnage of paper realised for Salvage from the " Drive " was 5 tons 19 cwts. 3 qrs.

Below are noted details of the salvage collected during the year:—

	T.	C.	Q.	Lbs.
Paper	96	18	3	0
Ferrous Metals	7	16	3	0
Aluminium		1	2	19
Brass		3	0	10
Lead		2	1	19
Copper and Spelter ..		1	2	3
Textiles	1	19	3	0
Bottles	4	15	0	0
Bones	1	1	0	14
Kitchen Waste	245	0	2	0
Old Sacking, String, etc.		18	2	0
	358	19	0	9

During the year 98 loads of kitchen waste were collected and, as previously, the number of communal bins in use at the end of the year was 372.

REFUSE COLLECTION

2,813 loads of house and trade refuse were collected during the year.

For one week in each month the loads of refuse are weighed and from the weights an average load was approximated to be 2 tons 3 cwts. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

555 ashbins were supplied during the year and charged to the owners of the property.

The following table shows the number of ashbins which have received attention during the year :—

Ashbins.	Loads.
230,800	2,813

The number of ashbins is shown below in each ward, the refuse from which is removed by this Department :—

Lancashire Ward	1,684
Stayley Ward	2,508
Dukinfield Ward	1,314
Millbrook Ward..	845

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